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SUBJECT: SECVISIT - SECRETARIAT REQUIREMENTS

REF: A. STATE 34406; B. STATE 034366

1. FIRST THING MORNING FEBRUARY 21 FSO LEE AND I HAD SESSION
IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH PROTOCOL OFFICER MISBAH DALATI
TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. IN VIEW OF ATTENDANCE OF LAHORE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE BY
PRESIDENT ASAD, FONMIN KHADDAM ALONG WITH OTHER HIGH
RANKING SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, DALATI WILL
NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO SUBMIT TO US EVEN A TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE (REQUESTED BY STATE 34406) UNTIL THEIR RETURN,
WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 24 OR 25.

3. MEANWHILE, WE HOPE TO HAVE BETTER IDEA OF
ACCOMMODATIONS BY THIS AFTERNOON. DALATI'S INITIAL
REACTION WAS THAT PREFERABLE FOR ENTIRE PARTY TO BE
PUT INTO NEW OMAYYAD HOTEL BECAUSE OFFICIAL SYRIAN GUEST
HOUSE NOT ABLE COPE WITH NUMBERS AND REQUIREMENTS
LISTED IN STATE 34366.

4. I AM SURE SECRETARIAT CAN APPRECIATE FACT THAT THERE
MAY WELL BE MODIFICATIONS IN REQUESTS AS SPELLED OUT IN
BOTH REFTELS. NONETHELESS, WE WILL DO THE VERY BEST
WE CAN.

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